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SUBJECT: WHEREABOUTS OF FIDEL CASTRO

1. USINT NOTES THAT CUBAN PRESS DOES NOT RPT NOT INDICATE THAT FIDEL CASTRO MET WITH ANGOLAN PRIME MINISTER LOPO DO NASCIMENTO WHILE LATTER WAS IN CUBA. (FYI DO NASCIMENTO ARRIVED, MAY 27, IN TRANSIT TO UN SPECIAL SESSION ON DISARMAMENT. HE WAS MET AT AIRPORT BY POLITBURO MEMBER RAMIRO VALDES. DO NASCIMENTO IS BELIEVED TO HAVE DEPARTED CUBA ON MAY 29, END FYI) SINCE CASTRO, IN ADDITION TO HIS OTHER DUTIES, IS ALSO CHIARMAN OF COUNCIL OF MINISTERS, HIS FAILURE TO MEET WITH DO NASCIMENTO IS STRIKING -PARTICULARLY AT CURRENT JUNCTURE WHEN CUBANS AND ANGOLANS ARE CLAIMING THAT THREAT TO ANGOLA IS INCREASING IN WAKE OF SHABA AND CASSINGA EVENTS.

- 2. WE ALSO NOTE THAT CASTRO DID NOT MEET WITH MALAGASY FOREIGN MINISTER CHRISTIAN REMI RICHARD WHO VISITED CUBA FROM MAY 24 TO 27. RICHARD WAS ONLY RECEIVED BY POLITBURO MEMBER BLAS ROCA, OMISSION OF CASTRO CALL IS HIGHLY UNUSUAL.
- 3. IT IS, OF COURSE, POSSIBLE THAT CASTRO MET WITH DO NASCIMENTO WITHOUT PULICITY IN ORDER TO AVOID SPECULATION ON LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PANICKY CUBAN REACTION TO US DISCUSSIONS ON CLARK AMENDMENT. IT IS ALSO POSSIBLE THAT CASTRO WAS CLOSETED WITH SOVIET AMBASSADOR TOLUBEYEV WHO RETURNED TO HAVANA, MAY 24, AFTER PROLONGED ABSENCE IN USSR.

4. IN ANY EVENT, LAST PUBLIC APPEARANCE OF CASTRO WAS LAST MONDAY, MAY 22. HE ALSO HELD TALKS WITH ALGERIAN FOREIGN

 $\label{eq:minister} \mbox{MINISTER BOUTEFLIKA ON MAY 21-22.} \\ \mbox{GLASSMAN}$

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